

Tompkins Not A Candidate; Favors Miller

Justice, Home From Finland, Says He Must Continue in Masonry and Cannot Mix Work With Politics

Knows Governor Will Run

Thinks Smith Is Strongest Democrat, but Friction Will Prevent Nomination

Justice Arthur S. Tompkins, of the Supreme Court, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of New York, returning yesterday from Europe on the Nieuw Amsterdam, says that he is not a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, and that he is strongly in favor of the renomination of Governor Miller.

Forty-five minutes after Justice Tompkins walked down the gangplank in Hoboken at 10 o'clock, he was presiding in his court in Nyack, and there was a pile of work before him, as many of the justices of the 9th District either are away or ill. The courtesy of the port was accorded to the judge, and he was the first passenger to land. When asked about his being a candidate for Governor, Justice Tompkins lost no time in saying:

"I positively am not a candidate for Governor, and am strongly in favor of Governor Miller's renomination. I believe his re-election is essential to the prosperity of the state, and he should be given opportunity to complete his reform measures and effect further economies in state administration in which he has made such notable progress in the year and nine months in which he has been Governor. Rockland County and Orange County are pledged to his support."

Knows Miller Will Run
Asked if he understood that Governor Miller would refuse a renomination, Justice Tompkins said:

"I have received most trustworthy information that such a contingency is not likely to arise. If it should arise the state convention will meet it at the time. I think there is not the slightest doubt that Governor Miller will take a renomination."

"With reference to the kind friends who have suggested that I might be a candidate, I wish to say that, after discharging my judicial responsibilities, my first obligation is to the Free-masons of the State of New York. As I expect to continue as grand master of the state until May, 1924, manifestly I could not combine politics with Masonic work."

Former Governor Smith is the most formidable candidate the Democrats can possibly nominate, but I believe there is too much friction among the party to result in his nomination. Justice Wagner, who is mentioned in the morning papers, I do not think is strong enough to win."

Restored Finnish Lodges
Concerning his visit to Finland, where he installed Masonic lodges, Justice Tompkins said:

"Freemasonry was wiped out by the Russians in Finland eighty years ago."

With the assistance of gentlemen who accompanied me there for that purpose I helped to restore it by the organization of various lodges. Among the new members of the order are the Chief Justice of the nation, the Secretary of State, who will succeed to the Presidency, and virtually every prominent state official and man of prominence. All the Masonic work was conducted in English. I found the most cordial feeling of respect and affection for the United States wherever I went, and I visited England, Germany, Holland, France, Norway and Denmark."

American Citizens Founders.
Justice Tompkins was accompanied to Helsingfors by a group of present and past officials of the Masonic grand lodge of New York. With him were former Supreme Court Justice Townsend, Scudder, Robert Judson Kenworthy, Oasian Land and James Kilby.

The movement for the Helsingfors lodge was started by fifty master masons who were born in Finland, became citizens of the United States, joined the order of Freemasons here and then returned to Finland to live. The dispensation from the New York grand lodge was the first ever granted in the founding of a lodge in the Old World. Mr. Nekton, past master of Greenwood Lodge, in Brooklyn, carried it to Helsingfors.

Greene Surrenders on 8 Larceny Indictments

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BOSTON, Sept. 9.—Henry V. Greene, president of the H. V. Greene Company and four subsidiary financial organizations, surrendered to-day on eight of nine secret indictments alleging a general conspiracy to commit larceny from investors. The indictments were returned in Superior Court by a special session of the Suffolk County Grand Jury, summoned by Attorney General J. Weston Allen.

Greene, who is also a defendant in a bill in equity brought recently in behalf of 60,000 investors seeking restitution of \$14,000,000, was released in \$5,000 bail on two of the indictments, which allege larceny and conspiracy to steal from investors. The bail will be increased to \$50,000 on Monday. Austin M. Pinkham, an attorney, was also indicted in connection with the grand jury's investigation into the operation of the Greene companies. He was allowed bail.

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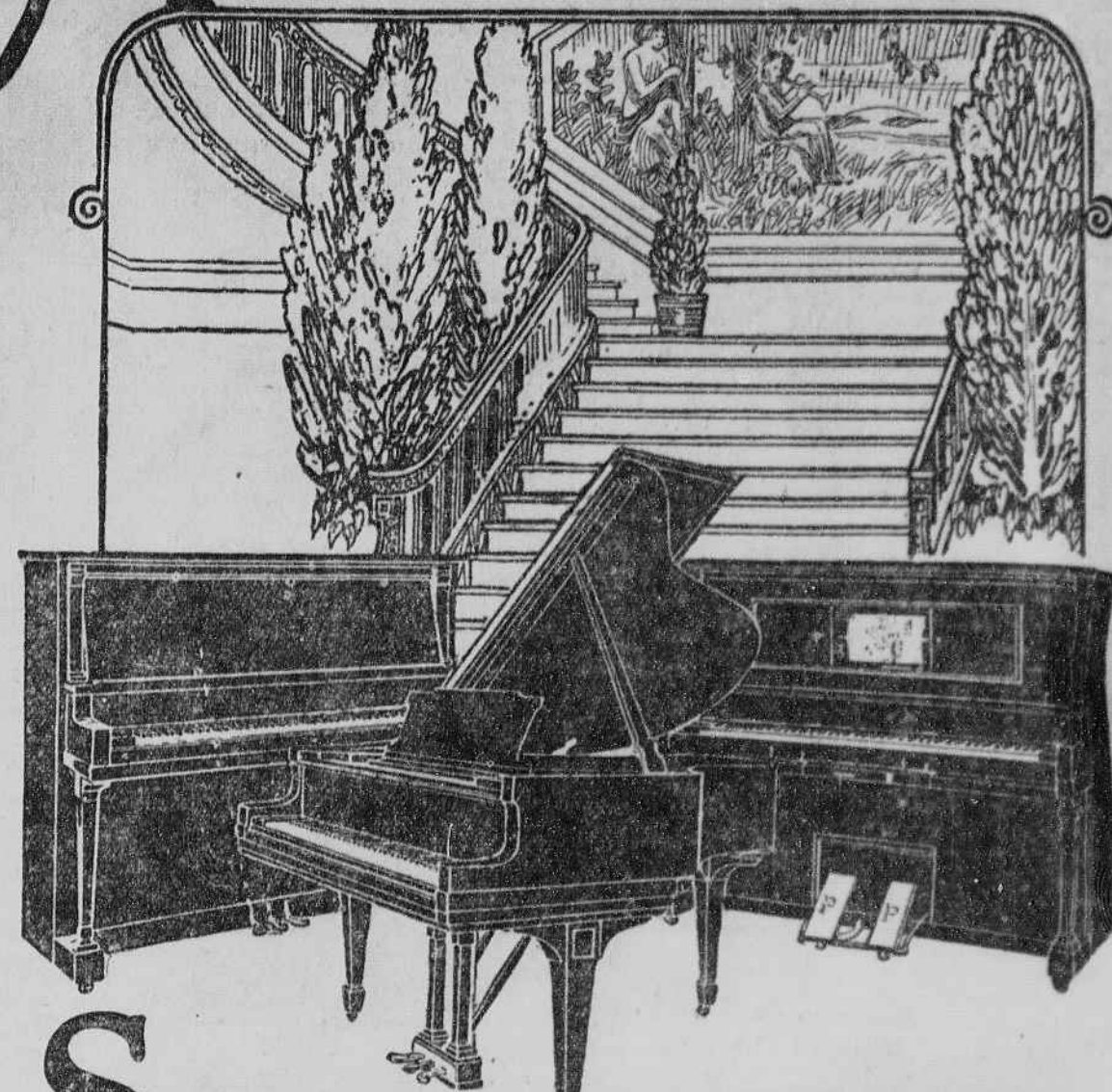
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